

### REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed September 27, 2007, the Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-5, 33-53, drawn to methods and systems for processing bids for airline travel, classified in class 705, subclass 26.
- II. Claims 6-12, drawn to methods and systems for maintaining members of an air travel service, classified in class 705, subclass 26.
- III. Claims 13-32, drawn to methods and systems for processing bids for airline travel, classified in class 705, subclass 26.
- IV. Claims 54-57, drawn to a method for selling airline tickets, classified in class 705, subclass 26.

Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-5 and 33-53. Applicant respectfully cancels claims 6-32 and 54-57 (Group II-IV) without prejudice or disclaimer, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in one or more Divisional applications at a later date. Applicant has further canceled claims 36 and 46. Thus, claims 1-5, 33-35, 37-45, and 47-53 remain pending. Applicant respectfully request consideration of the pending claims.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at to facilitate prosecution of this application.

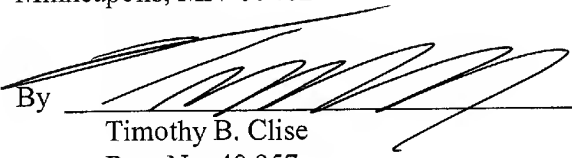
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